

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel pending claims 21-41, and insert in lieu thereof new claims 42-56:

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42. A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dishwashers and tumble driers, comprising:
contacting surfaces which are displaceable relative to one another, which cooperate during transitions from a closed position for the door lock to an open position for the door lock and from the open position to the closed position, wherein the contacting surfaces displaceable relative to one another are constructed in such a manner that the contacting surfaces displaceable relative to one another cooperate by means of bearings arranged between said surfaces such that forces required during a transition from the closed position to the open position essentially correspond to forces required for a transition from the open position to the closed position.
 43. A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dishwashers and tumble driers, comprising:
contacting surfaces which are displaceable relative to one another, which cooperate during transitions from a closed position for the door lock to an open position for the door lock and from the open position to the closed position, wherein the contacting surfaces displaceable relative to one another are constructed in such a manner that the contact between the contacting surfaces displaceable relative to one another is lifted for the transition from the closed position to the open position such that forces required during a transition from the closed position to the open position essentially correspond to forces required for a transition from the open position to the closed position.
 44. A door lock according to claim 42 or 43, comprising rotatable components, which cooperate during transitions from a closed position for the door lock to an open position for the door lock and from the open position to the closed position, wherein the rotatable components are rotatable by means of a bearing.
 45. A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dishwashers and tumble driers, comprising:
 - a contact region (30) and

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- a gripping device (18) with an active region (22), which in an open position of the door lock contacts the contact region (30) and in a closed position of the door lock cooperates with the contact region (30) in order to maintain the closed position, characterized in that
 - the contact region (30) is provided on a circumferential line of a rotatably mounted axle (28) or on a circumferential line of a bearing rotatable relative to an axle.

46. A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dishwashers and tumble driers, comprising:
 - a contact region (30) and
 - a gripping device (18) with an active region (22), which in an open position of the door lock contacts the contact region (30) and in a closed position of the door lock cooperates with the contact region (30) in order to maintain the closed position,
characterized in that
 - the active region (22) comprises at least one bearing, which contacts the contact region (30) at least during a transition from the closed position to the open position.

47. A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dishwashers and tumble driers, comprising:
 - a contact region (30) and
 - a gripping device (18) with an active region (22), which in an open position of the door lock contacts the contact region (30) and in a closed position of the door lock cooperates with the contact region (30) in order to maintain the closed position,
characterized in that
 - for a transition from the closed position to the open position, at least one of the contact region (30) and the gripping device (18) is displaceable relative to one another in such a manner that the cooperation of the active region (22) and the contact region (30) is lifted.

48. A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dishwashers and tumble driers, comprising:
 - a contact region (30) and

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- a gripping device (18) with an active region (22), which in an open position of the door lock contacts the contact region (30) and in a closed position of the door lock cooperates with the contact region (30) in order to maintain the closed position,
characterized in that
- for a transition from the open position to the closed position, at least one of the contact region (30) and the gripping device (18) is displaceable relative to one another in such a manner that the contact between the active region (22) and the contact region (30) is lifted.
49. A door lock according to claim 45, 46, 47 or 48, comprising:
- a contact region (30) and
- a gripping device (18) with an active region (22), which in an open position of the door lock contacts the contact region (30) and in a closed position of the door lock cooperates with the contact region (30) in order to maintain the closed position,
characterized in that
- the gripping device (18) is at least one of being rotatable by means of a bearing and displaceable by means of a closing lever (14), which is rotatable about an axle (12) by means of a bearing.
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50. A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dishwashers and tumble driers, comprising:
- a frame (100), and
- a closing lever (104), which is mounted on the frame (100) and can be reciprocated between a closed position and an open position for the door lock,
characterized in that
- a steering arm (106), which is guided at one end in articulated fashion with the closing lever (104) and is guided at the other end on a tensioning lever (130), is connected to the closing lever (104) in such a manner that forces occurring between the steering arm (106) and the closing lever (104) during a transition from the closed position to the open position essentially correspond to forces occurring during a transition from the open position to the closed position.
51. A door lock according to claim 50, characterized in that the closing lever (104) is mounted on the frame (100) by means of a bearing.

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52. A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dishwashers and tumble driers, comprising:
- a frame (100), and
 - a tensioning lever (130), which is mounted on the frame (100) and can be reciprocated between a closed position and an open position for the door lock, characterized in that
 - a steering arm (106), which is guided at one end in articulated fashion with a closing lever (104) and is guided at the other end on the tensioning lever (130), is connected to the closing lever (104) in such a manner that forces occurring between the steering arm (106) and the closing lever (104) during a transition from the closed position to the open position essentially correspond to forces occurring during a transition from the open position to the closed position.
53. A door lock according to claim 52, characterized in that the tensioning lever (130) is mounted on the frame (100) by means of a bearing.
54. A door lock according to claim 50 or 52, characterized in that the steering arm (106) is connected to the closing lever (104) by means of a bearing.
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55. A door lock according to one of claims 50 or 52, characterized in that the guidance for the steering arm (106) on the tensioning lever (130) is constructed in such a manner that forces occurring between the steering arm (106) and the tensioning lever (130) during a transition from the closed position to the open position essentially correspond to forces occurring during a transition from the open position to the closed position.
56. A door lock according to claim 50 or 52, in which the steering arm (106) comprises crankpins (124), which are guided in a groove guide (140) of the tensioning lever (130), characterized in that bearings are arranged on the crankpins (124).